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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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KIDSNET welcomes new users: Tollgate OB-Gyn, South County Family Medicine and Coventry School District.

Immunization and Vaccine Updates

HOLIDAY VACCINE DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays there will be no deliveries during the period of December 24 through January 4. If your normal 30 day order cycle falls during this time frame you may place an order between December 12-14 for delivery the following week or you may wait until January 2 to place your order. We are sorry for this inconvenience, however it is necessary to avoid spoilage of vaccine that may be delivered to practices closed for holiday vacation.

HIB VACCINE SUPPLY UPDATE

On November 16, 2007, HEALTH notified you that only limited amounts of our current Hib vaccine product (Merck's *PedvaxHIB*) would be available for shipment through the first quarter of 2008. We anticipate having adequate supply of *PedvaxHIB* to fill orders through December. You can expect to begin receiving Sanofi Pasteur's Hib vaccine product, *ActHib* with orders placed in January.

Vaccine Interchangeability

Both Hib products are interchangeable, however *ActHib* is a 4-dose series with 3 primary doses at 2, 4, and 6 months of age, and a booster dose at 12-15 months. *PedvaxHIB* is a 3-dose series with 2 primary doses at 2 and 4 months of age, and a booster dose at 12-15 months. The total number of Hib doses a child will require is dependent on the vaccine type and the number of doses previously received. If it should become necessary to complete a series with *ActHib*, use the following guidelines and refer to Table 1:

- If any of the primary doses (doses given before 12 months) are *ActHib*, then 4 doses of vaccine are needed.
- If the first 2 doses of *PedvaxHIB* were administered as the primary series, only 3 doses of Hib are needed and any available Hib product may be used for the booster dose at age 12-15 months.
- If only one dose of *PedvaxHIB* has been administered, the primary series should be completed with 2 additional doses of *ActHib*. There should be a minimum interval of 4 weeks between all doses of the primary series followed by a 4th dose as a booster at age 12-15 months.
- If your supply permits, complete the Hib series using a single product

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Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434 with any questions or suggestions

Table 1. Schedule for Completing *PedvaxHIB* Vaccine Series with *ActHib*:

Primary Dose			Booster Dose	Total Number of Doses Needed
2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	
PedvaxHIB	PedvaxHIB		ActHib	3
PedvaxHIB	ActHib	ActHib	ActHib	4

Please consult CDC's *Catch-Up Immunization Schedule* for the timing of doses for children who start late or are more than one month behind:

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm.

Reporting *ActHib* to KIDSNET

Please report the use of *ActHib* to KIDSNET using the CPT code: 90648. If your practice uses KIDSNET Immunization Data Sheets to report vaccines, please document this under the "Other" category.

Immunization Report

In November 2007, the following 6 practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Westerly Pediatrics, Central Health Center, Dr. Dante Ramos, Fatima Health Center, Dr. Michael Hayden, and Cranston University Medical Group.**

Lead Screening Report

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In November 2007, the following 24 pediatric practices used this report: **Dr. Tanya Becker, Broadway Medical Treatment Center, Cumberland Pediatrics, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Everett Wilcox Center, Dr. Robert Brogan, Bayside Family Healthcare, Dr. Douglas Foreman, Family Health Services - Cranston, Dr. Polly Leonard, Narragansett Indian Health Center, Fatima Health Center, East Bay Community Action Program, Northwest Health Center, Park Pediatrics, Allenberry Health Center, Central Health Center, Dr. Jennifer Souther, Spectrum Health Care, Dr. Stuart Demirs, Woonsocket Thundermist Health Center, University Pediatrics, West Warwick Thundermist Health Center, and Wood River Health Services.**

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!

Keep up the good work! Please keep using the reports as a tool to follow up on your patients need.